

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



SF 418 – Confined Animal Feeding Operations (LSB 1480SV)
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Description

[Senate File 418](#) amends the method for calculating animal unit capacity for the purposes of an election to become a small animal feeding operation. This Bill makes the following changes:

- Changes the determination of animal unit capacity to include only buildings that currently house animals when determining if an operation is a small animal feeding operation.
- Allows for animal feeding operations to elect to reclassify as a small animal feeding operation if they have fewer than 500 animal units. Small animal feeding operations are exempt from filing a manure management plan, and paying the associated annual compliance fee of 0.15 cents per animal unit.

Background

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to regulate confinement feeding operations (operations) under [Code chapter 459](#), the “Animal Agriculture Compliance Act”. Currently, animal unit capacity is determined by totaling the animal unit capacity of all buildings constructed as part of the operation. Once included in the animal unit calculation, a building must be abandoned, razed, or converted to another use to be removed from the animal unit calculation. Animal feeding operations exceeding 500 animal units are required to file a manure management plan and remit an annual compliance fee of 0.15 cents per animal unit to the DNR. Animal feeding operations below 500 animal units are classified as small animal feeding operations, and are exempt from the annual compliance fee.

Assumptions

The exact number of operations that may elect to become small animal feeding operations is unknown. However, the DNR expects few operations to elect to reclassify as small animal feeding operations.

Fiscal Impact

There is no General Fund impact. There may be a minimal reduction to the Animal Agricultural Compliance Fund, but it is not possible to predict the impact.

Sources

Department of Natural Resources
LSA Analysis

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